



Sovereign Grace Church

March 24th, 2024

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

“...He [Christ Jesus, the Son of God] is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

(Hebrews 7:25)

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IF Christ be risen from the dead, according to the Scriptures, then all that the Scripture declares of the necessity and design of His sufferings, of His present glory, and of His future advent [arrival], must be true likewise. What a train of weighty consequences depend upon His resurrection! If He rose from the dead, then He is the Lord of the dead and of the living—then He has the keys of death and [hell]—then He will return to judge the world, and you must see Him for yourself, and appear at His tribunal—then, it is He with whom you have to do—and then, finally, unless you really love, trust, and serve Him, unless He is the beloved and the Lord of your heart, your present state is awfully dangerous and miserable. But let those who love His name be joyful in Him. Your Lord who was dead, is alive, and ‘because He liveth, ye shall live also.’ ‘If ye be risen with Him, seek the things which are above, where He sitteth on the right hand of God?’ ‘And, when He, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye appear with Him in glory.’

— John Newton

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you’ll soon discover we’re an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God’s *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Sandra Murphy, March 29th

Resources

VISIT our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Christ Is Risen Indeed

“...The Lord is risen indeed...” (Luke 24:34)

CHRISt is risen indeed! 1. He has gone to take possession of heaven in our name. When an elder brother of a family purchases a property for himself and [purchases] forgiveness and acceptance for sinners. He has gone into heaven to take possession for us. Do you take Christ for your surety? Then you are already possessed of heaven.

Question: How am I possessed of heaven, when I have never been there?

Answer: Christ your Surety has taken possession in your name. If you will realize this [should God be pleased to reveal this to you], it will give you fulness of joy. A person may possess a property which he has never scene.

Look at your Surety in the land that is very far off, calling it all His own, for the sake of His younger brethren: “These things have I spoken unto you, that your joy may be full.”

2. He has gone to intercede for us. (1.) He has gone to intercede for unawakened, barren sinners... Oh, sinner! why is it that you have not died a sudden death? Why have you not gone [wholly] down into the pit? How often the Saviour has prayed for some of you! Shall it be all in vain? (2.) To intercede for His believing people, to procure all blessings for them? [Never!] Often an elder brother of a family goes into a far country, and sends back rich presents to his younger brethren at home. This is what Christ has done; He has gone far above all heavens, there to appear in the presence of God for us, and to ask the very things we need, and to send us down all the treasures of heaven. Of His fulness have we all received, even grace for grace. “I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter.” Oh, Christians! believe in a praying Christ, if you would receive heavenly blessings. Believe just as if you saw Him, and...receive the blessings for which He is praying [for His people].

— Robert Murray M'Cheyne

Surety

“...so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.” (Hebrews 7:22)

SURETY; one who gives security for another person or thing [a person who takes responsibility for another's performance of an undertaking, for example their appearing in court or the payment of a debt; we read in Psalm 57 verse 2 “*I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.*” Amen!]. This word occurs but once in the New Testament, where it has reference to Christ, who is made the surety of a better testament [Hebrews 7:22]. This better testament or covenant is the Gospel, or ministration of righteousness, which is designed to subdue [or conquer] the world, and bring all into obedience to God [in Christ]. There was no mere man able to do it, not for want of a desire, but for want of the power to accomplish it. Christ is surety of its accomplishment. He has power and life, and has engaged to put down all rule, authority, and power; and He will not fail nor be discouraged until He set judgment in the earth, and the isles shall wait for His law. He will assuredly perform all that God has appointed Him to do. “*And thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins*” (Matthew 1:21). [AMEN!]

— Copied from ‘A Bible Dictionary’ 1854

Christ's Resurrection

"He is not here: for He is risen, as He said..." (Matthew 28:6)

SEE! from the dungeon of the dead,
Our great Deliverer rise;
While conquests wreath His heavenly head,
And glory glads His eyes.
The [suffering] Hero, strong to save,
Did all our miseries bear
Down to the chambers of the grave,
And left the burden there.
[See, how the well-pleased angel rolls
The stone, and opes the prison!
Lift up your heads, ye sin-sick souls,
And sing, The Lord is risen.]
No more indictments justice draws;
It sets the soul at large;
Our Surety undertook the cause,
And faith's a full discharge.
To save us, our Redeemer died;
To justify us, rose;
Where's the condemning power beside,
Has right to interpose?
The Lord is risen! thou trembling soul,
Let fears no more confound!
Let heaven and earth, from pole to pole,
The Lord is risen resound!

— Joseph Hart

Surety

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SURETY, what a blessed word, to describe our able, never-failing Lord and God Jesus Christ. He is able, beloved, to save them to the uttermost that come unto God on the basis of His blood and His righteousness. Amen! [Hebrews 9:26].

"By so much was JESUS made a SURETY of a better testament. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because He continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." (Hebrews 7:22-25)

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noun (plural sureties)

A person who takes responsibility for another's performance of an undertaking, for example their appearing in court or the payment of a debt. (iPhone dictionary)

— JDM